

THE WORST OF FRIENDS: OPEC AND G77 IN THE CLIMATE REGIME

(By Jon Barnett)

In the climate change negotiations the thirteen countries that are members of OPEC obstruct progress towards reducing emissions of greenhouse gases. Although these actions undermine sustainable development in developing countries, the larger Group of 77 (G-77) coalition nevertheless tacitly supports its OPEC members in the climate regime. This article explains the connection between OPEC's interests in oil exports and its inaction on climate change, and the divergence of these interests with those of the G-77. It argues that OPEC's influence within the G-77, and therefore the climate regime, stems from the desire to maintain unity within the G-77. This unity has and is likely to continue to cost the majority of developing countries in the form delayed assistance for adaptation, the possibility of inadequate reduction in emissions under the second commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol, and continued dependence on increasingly expensive oil imports.

STRIVING FOR NO: SAUDI ARABIA IN THE CLIMATE CHANGE REGIME

(By Joanna Depledge)

The international relations literature often assumes that negotiators in global regimes are actively seeking a collective agreement to the problem on the table. There are cases, however, where a delegation may instead be "striving for no," that is, participating with the aim of obstructing a deal. This article explores the challenges surrounding such cases of "obstructionism," using the example of Saudi Arabia in the climate change regime. It examines the evidence for diagnosing Saudi Arabia as an obstructionist in that regime, the delegation's negotiating tactics, strategies for addressing obstructionism, and finally the repercussions for both the climate change regime, and Saudi Arabia itself. In conclusion, the article considers whether Saudi Arabia may be moving beyond obstruction.

RECOGNIZING 2009 TEKNE AWARD WINNERS

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the recent winners from my congressional district of the 2009 Tekne Awards from the Minnesota High Tech Association.

In the 10th year of these awards, the Tekne Awards continue to acknowledge companies and individuals who have demonstrated superior technology advancement and leadership in Minnesota. Of the awards, I can proudly boast that 9 of the 14 winners are from my Third Congressional District.

On that note, I would like to recognize the following winners: Minnesota Thermal Science, SearchAmerica, Nonin Medical, Starkey Laboratories, Digital River, Access Genetics, XATA Corporation, and Laurie Toll from Maple Grove schools.

Madam Speaker, their accomplishments are proof positive that the spirit of American innovation and entrepreneurship is alive and well in Minnesota. I am proud to recognize these

Minnesota companies and individuals for their hard work, and I congratulate them on their 2009 Tekne Awards.

DEMOCRATS COMPLAIN BUT DO NOTHING

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. You know, I get a big kick, Madam Speaker, out of my colleague from Virginia when he comes down and starts talking about that we're not for clean energy and we're not for solving the problems of the environment when the Democrat Party will not do anything to allow us to drill in the ANWR, offshore on the Continental Shelf, and use natural gas, which is a clean-burning fuel. They won't allow nuclear energy in this country. They think that the nuclear energy problem is bigger than the environmental problem, when 75 percent of the energy created in France is nuclear energy in a very safe way.

So I get a big kick out of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle complaining about how we're not for clean energy and helping clean up the environment when they won't do a darn thing to move in that direction by using natural gas, drilling for it when we have a 400- to 500-year supply, and actually going ahead with nuclear development in this country. Nuclear energy is the answer. Clean-burning natural gas is the answer, but they won't go along with it, and yet they come down here and complain day after day after day.

TERRORISTS CONTINUE TO THREATEN STABILITY AND FAMILIES IN IRAQ

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, yesterday, cowardly homicide bombers murdered over 100 people in two car bombs in Baghdad, the deadliest mass slaughter in 2 years. The enemies of freedom in Iraq show they intend to continue to kill innocent civilians to threaten stability in the region and American families.

President Obama correctly praised the courage and resilience of the Iraqi people and their determination to build strong institutions. Secretary of State Clinton made it clear that these terrorists would "not deter Iraqis from administering justice based on the rule of law and carrying out their legitimate responsibilities in governing Baghdad." And Prime Minister Maliki underlined the need to fight the enemy of Iraq and America, recognizing al Qaeda as perpetrators of this heinous atrocity.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism. We appreciate the Kurdish Regional Gov-

ernment delegation, a dynamic part of Iraq, visiting Washington today.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN

(Mr. CHAFFETZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Madam Speaker, today, we have learned of the passing of two of America's finest soldiers when an improvised explosive device exploded in Afghanistan. Killed was Private First Class Kimble Han or Lehi, Utah, as well as Eric Lembke of Tampa Bay, Florida.

Madam Speaker, I hope we will all pause to give thanks to the men and women who have served in our Armed Forces and that we remember their families and friends.

May God bless these fine soldiers, and may God bless the United States of America.

GOVERNMENT OBESITY

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, the first stimulus bill was 1,000 pages long and cost \$1 trillion. We were, in essence, told, Pass this or America is doomed. It was railroaded through before anyone could even read the bill. Now we know why. It wasn't about creating jobs; it was about more government spending. Since then, 3 million more people have lost their jobs, over 15 million people are unemployed, and the unemployment rate just keeps growing.

And so the government's answer is, if at first you don't succeed, try, try again. So the government this year is going to have a second stimulus bill. The Federal Government has already spent more money this year than all previous years in American history combined.

The American people have had about all the big government spending they can stand. With that kind of government success, it's time to try something else, like cut taxes instead of cutting jobs.

We cannot spend, borrow, and tax our way into more jobs or prosperity; big oppressive government just has proved it. Government needs a health care plan for compulsive, addictive government obesity.

And that's just the way it is.

IT IS TIME TO PASS HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, this very important health care debate couldn't be more timely. H1N1 is raging across America. Many